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New Funding Welcomed, but Students Still Waiting

Students are welcoming today's announcement of an extra 129 million for the university sector, but are calling on the government to adequately address key student support issues.

"The government has been under funding our public tertiary education system for too long.", stated Josh Clark, Co-President of the New Zealand Union of Students' Associations (NZUSA).

"Low levels of public funding have resulted in students facing high and increasing fees, staff cuts, and underinvestment in critical facilities such as libraries. At the same time allowances have decreased'

"Government must ensure adequate student support measures are in place so that all New Zealanders can full participate in Tertiary education as well as investing in Institutions. The number of students receiving an allowance dropped by 20% between 2000 and 2005 to only 54,012 students."

"NZUSA is calling on government to honour its manifesto pledge of 50% access to student allowances in the upcoming budget" concluded Josh Clark, Co-President of the New Zealand Union of Students' Associations (NZUSA).

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